

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill 2020

Statement of Compatibility

FOR

Amendment during consideration in detail to be moved by the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs, make this statement of compatibility with respect to an amendment during consideration in detail (the Amendment) to be moved to the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill).

In my opinion, the Amendment to be moved to the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Amendment

The Amendment proposes to include single-use expanded polystyrene (EPS) takeaway food containers and cups as banned single-use plastic items in the Bill.

Clause 5 of the Bill is amended to include a takeaway food container or cup made, in whole or part, of expanded polystyrene (EPS) in the definition of banned single-use plastic item.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to amendments to be moved to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

Consideration has been given as to whether the proposed Amendment to the Bill might engage certain human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, and which rights might be relevant to the Bill.

Following consideration of the proposed Amendment, it has been concluded that the Amendment to the Bill does not engage any human rights.

In my opinion, there are therefore no human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* relevant to, engaged or limited by the Bill.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the Amendment to be moved to the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill 2020 are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because they do not limit a human right.

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